Alleppey Municipal Town.

397 *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the area and the population of the Alleppey Municipal Town;

(*b*) whether the Government contemplate the introduction of the Town Planning Scheme into the Alleppey Municipal Town as well ;

(*c*) whether the town roads are under the management of the P. W. D;

(*d*) whether the Municipality has any duty to maintain the town roads ;

(*e*) whether the town lanes are not also under the control of the P. W. D;

(*f*) whether the P. W. D. allot any amount for the maintenance of these lanes ; and

(*g*) if so, what the annual allotment is ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Five square miles. Population 43,838 as per last Census.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes. The Municipality has to contribute to the P. W. D. 25 per cent. of the cost of maintenance of minor roads within the Municipality.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) This does not arise.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know from Government the reason for it ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have started Town Planning in Trivandrum and they think that it should be tried first here before it is extended to other towns.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*e*), may I know under whose control the town lanes are ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are under the control of the Municipality.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know from the Government whether there is any duty imposed on the Municipality for the proper maintenance of the lanes ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, the Municipality has to maintain the lanes in the town.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know, Sir, the amount yearly spent by the Public Works Department for the purpose ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : At least may I have an approximate idea ?

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PRESIDENT: You cannot press him further, as he has claimed notice.

Remission of tax in malaria-affected areas.

398. ✻**MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the people of Neyyattinkara belonging to the areas affected by the recent malaria epidemic have made representations to Government praying for the remission of tax and other concessions for some time;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action the Government have taken thereon; and

(*c*) whether the Division Peishkar has submitted any report on such representations and, if so, when, and to what effect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government sanctioned the suspension of all coercive proceedings for the realisation of tax till the end of Vrischikam 1111 and the acceptance of arrears of 1110 along with the first *kist* of 1111 in the case of people rendered helpless on account of epidemic diseases.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Am I to understand from the answer to parts (*b*) and (*c*) that the Government have not extended any concession in the shape of remission of tax to the people other than what has been stated to those rendered helpless on account of epidemic diseases?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That is so.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Is it a fact that since 1111 coercive steps are being taken for the realisation of all arrears of revenue?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes. Coercive steps will be taken if arrears of revenue are not paid up according to demand.

Concessions to ryots in malaria-affected areas.

399. ✻**MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state what, if any, are the special concessions granted to the ryots in the areas affected by the recent malaria epidemic in the taluk of Neyyattinkara and the surrounding parts, with special reference to the payment of tax to the Sirkar?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Suspension of all coercive proceedings for the realisation of arrears of tax till the close of Vrischikam 1111 and the acceptance of arrears of tax for 1110 along with the first *kist* for 1111, in deserving cases were ordered by Government, in the taluks of Nedumangad, Neyyattinkara and Vilavankod.

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